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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-22 were presented and examined. The Examiner rejected claims 9-18 under 35 USC § 102(e), as being anticipated by Blumenau *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,260,120), hereinafter, "Blumenau". The Examiner indicated claims 1-8 and 19-22 as reciting allowable subject matter. In this response, Applicant has canceled claims 9-18. Claims 1-8 and 19-22 remain pending.

Claim rejections under 35 USC § 102(e)

The Examiner rejected claims 9-18 under Section 102(e), as being anticipated by Blumenau. In response, Applicant has canceled the rejected claims.

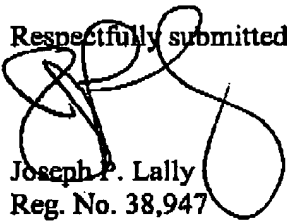
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CONCLUSION

Applicant has responded to Examiner's claim rejections under 35 USC § 102(e), which is the only issue remaining in the application. Accordingly, Applicant believes that this response constitutes a complete response to all issues raised in the Office Action. Consistent with the Examiner's determination that the remaining pending claims recite allowable subject matter, Applicant believes that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant would request the Examiner to enter the proposed claim cancellations and advance the application to issue. If the Examiner has any questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned attorney would welcome and encourage a telephone conference at 512.428.9872.

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